

EXHIBIT C

Letter from U.S. Treasury



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

December 15, 2017

RE: 2017-11-144

Mr. John Powell
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Charleston, SC 29403

Email: jtp@lalawsc.com

Dear Mr. Powell:

This letter acknowledges your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted to Department of the Treasury, dated November 14, 2017. You seek, “Any and all communications, documents, materials, or reports of any kind sent or received by the United States Department of the Treasury by any employee or agent of SC Housing Corp or the South Carolina State Housing Finance and Development Authority that in any way reference or mention the following parties: Robert Thomas, Southeastern Housing and Community Development, Southeastern Housing Foundation, Bamberg County, the Town of Williston, the Town of Blackville, the Town of Estill, or Allendale County. Specifically any and all communications, documents, materials, or reports of any kind that in any way relate to any performance review, internal audit, or compliance review relating to Southeastern Housing and Community Development or Southeastern Housing Foundation's ability to participate in the Neighborhood Initiative Program”.

In an email dated December 14, 2017 you clarified the scope of your request by providing the timeframe of the search, May 1, 2015 to the present.

I have initiated a search within Departmental Offices (DO), for records that would be responsive to your request. I will make every effort to provide you with a timely response; however, please be advised that unusual circumstances exist regarding the search for and review of potentially responsive records. The unusual circumstances are due to the consultation required between two or more program offices and/or a search is expected to result in voluminous records and/or a search is required to be conducted for records stored in field offices or warehouses off site; therefore, an additional processing extension of (10) days is required to process your request. I invite you to consider contacting our office to discuss limiting the scope of your request which could significantly reduce the processing time of your request.

I have determined you are a “Commercial” requester. As a “Commercial” requester, you will be charged search and review fees at the salary rate(s), plus 16% of the employees involved in the search and review of the records and 20-cents a page for duplication of the

records. I acknowledge your agreement to pay up to \$500.00 for the processing of your request.

You may contact the FOIA Public Liaison, Ryan Law at any time for any questions you may have concerning your request via telephone at (202) 622-8098; or email at FOIAPL@treasury.gov.

You may also wish to contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Federal FOIA Ombudsman's office which offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road – OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001
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You may reach me via telephone at 202-622-0930, extension 2; or via email at FOIA@treasury.gov. Please reference FOIA request 2017-11-144 when contacting our office about this request.

Sincerely,

Cawana Pearson

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